

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF RAIPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently announced expansion of some of the airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the expansion of Raipur Airport of Chhattisgarh State is included in it;
- (d) if so, the extent of land required for the expansion of Raipur airport and the amount required for acquiring this land;
- (e) whether the Airports Authority of India has made the required payment to the State Government for the acquisition of land;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to modernize 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports to world class standards in phases with focus on airside and city side development and enhancement of non-aeronautical revenue.

(c) No, Sir. However, in line with the policy for upgrading airport infrastructure on regular basis at various airports, AAI has plans to extend runway at Raipur to 7500 feet to make it suitable for operation of A-320 type of aircraft and to increase the parking capacity of existing apron.

(d) The total area of land required is 50.17 acres. The State Government of Chhattisgarh has acquired 50.17 acres of land (22.22 acres of private land and 27.95 acres of Government land). The State Government has handed over this land to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances.

(e), (f) & (g) Do not arise.